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Venice, April 24. *N. S.*

THEY write from Rome, that the Abbot Scarlati having taken upon him the Character of Envoy from the late Electors of Bavaria and Cologn, had on the 17th Instant a long Audience of the Pope, at which he deliver'd his Credentials, and was receiv'd with particular Marks of Esteem and Affection. Tho' the Court of Rome have lately given out with much Assurance, that Comachio was to be restor'd to the Pope so soon as a Nuncio shou'd be named, and set out for Barcelona, and upon some other Conditions with which that Court were ready without any Difficulty to comply, it is now thought the sudden Death of the late Emperor will put a stop to that Affair, and oblige 'em to enter into new Measures, in order to obtain what they have so earnestly desired in that particular. The Prince of Elbeuf has been oblig'd to repair to Rome, to justify himself against the Complaints of a Convent of Friars, who wou'd force him to demolish part of a new Palace he has built near Naples, because it toucheth on some of their Ground, tho' he offers to give them a larger and more valuable piece of Land in Compensation for it; of which, however, they have hitherto refus'd to accept, and are Prosecuting the Prince with great Obstinacy and Application. Signior Zani, who was to have set out from hence the next Week for Vienna, has deferr'd his Departure by reason of the Death of his Imperial Majesty; but the Procurator Ruzzini, who is appointed Plenipotentiary from this State to the Hague, and has not been able to get himself excus'd from that Employment, is hastening his Departure for Holland.

Lsipsick, May 3. *N. S.* On Monday last the Prince Royal of Saxony was, by his Majesty's Command, summon'd for the first time, to be present at the Cabinet Council held at Dresden, and his Highness has since that continued regularly to assist at that Board. On Tuesday in the Evening, Monsieur Fabrice, Envoy-Extraordinary from the Elector of Hanover to his Polish Majesty, return'd from his Master's Court to Dresden; and on Thursday was admitted to an Audience of his Majesty. Count Flemming, and Baron Hoimb, two of the King's Privy-Councellors of State, came hither from Dresden on Thursday Morning, being sent to prepare such Matters against his Majesty's Arrival, as are to be negotiated and debated during the Fair at this Place. On Friday in the Evening the King himself, being attended by the Vice-Chancellor of Poland, and other Persons of Distinction, came hither likewise from Dresden, and was immediately waited on by the Duke of Saxe-zeits, who arriv'd here the same Afternoon. The Vice-Chancellor of Poland has receiv'd Letters from Cracaw, importing, that the Czar of Muscovy was taken ill at Jawarrow; and tho' it is given out by some, that his Majesty's Distemper is a Pleurisie, yet it is generally believ'd to be nothing else but an Indisposition to which that Prince is often subject, after the long Abstinence and Austerities of their Lent.

Cologn, May 5. *N. S.* They write from Francfort of the 3d Instant, that Mr. Chetwynde, the Queen of Great Britain's Envoy-Extraordinary to his Royal Highness the Duke of Savoy, arriv'd there the 1st in his way to Turin. The French begin to form an Army in Alsace, where they give out, that they are to be reinforced by several Battalions and Squadrons drawn out of the Franche-Comte, and other Places. These Letters add, that the Elector of Mayence was expected at Francfort the 12th of this Month, and being Vicar of the Empire, it is thought he will soon after his Arrival summon the Princes Electors to meet there at a set time, in order to proceed to the Election of a new Emperor. The Prince of Savoy having had an Interview at Coblentz with the Elector of Treves, passed by this City the 2d, under a triple Discharge of all the Cannon belonging to this Place. The Soldiers likewise, that are in Garrison here, were drawn out on the Banks of the Rhine, as the Prince passed down that River. He had an Hours Conference with the Elector Palatin at Dusseldorp, after which he continued his Journey to the Low-Countries.

Brussels, May 7. *N. S.* On the 3d Instant a strong Body of Palatines arriv'd at Asche, a Place within two Leagues of this City, having with them a great number of Horses to remount the Imperial Cavalry, with which they were join'd the next Morning, and continued their March towards the Confederate Army. They write from Paris of the 4th, that an Express arriv'd the 2d in the Evening, with Dispatches for the Baron de Simeoni, the late Elector of Cologn's Minister; whereupon he went early the next Morning to communicate the Contents of them to the King at Marli. Tho' the French Court are resolv'd to omit nothing that may contribute to the creating Jealousies and Divisions among the Princes in Germany, yet they seem to think it will not be in their Power to prevent his Catholick Majesty's Election to the Empire; he being, as they give out, secure of four Voices already: However, shou'd any Competitor appear, the French will endeavour to support him with all their Interest. Our Letters from Arras confirm the Accounts we had before of the Marquis de Torcy's Arrival at Compeign, in order to confer with the late Elector of Bavaria upon the Death of his Imperial Majesty. These Letters add, that there continues a great Desertion both among the French Recruits, and the Veteran Forces: At the same time several dangerous Maladies prevail in their Camp; insomuch that it is computed, that the Army under Mareschal Villars is already diminish'd upwards of ten thousand Men thro' Sickness and Desertion. The Horse are dispers'd into several Parts for the better Conveniency of Subsistance, and almost half the Cavalry belonging to the Left Wing are canton'd between Dourlens and Bapaume, and along the Frontier of Picardy. The Houshold Troops are under the Gates of Cambray, where they suffer extreamly thro' want of Necessaries, and the great Rains which have fallen for some time without Intermission. They write from Valenciennes, that immediately upon Mareschal Villars's Arrival there, Orders were given out for the breaking the Dykes on the Schelde between that Place and the Abby of St. Sauve, by which means all the Country up as far as Conde will be laid under Water.

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